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Incirlik Air Base, Turkey



**Homeward  
bound**

**Incirlik welcomes  
U.S. soldiers from Iraq**



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Jamie Denny, elementary school teacher's aid, pumps gas Monday at the shopette. The base recently implemented a gas coupon policy. See related article, Page 4.

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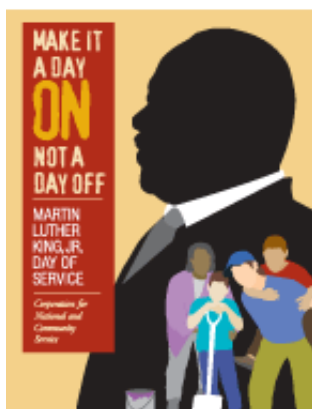


# MLK day offers chance for community service

**By Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong**  
Commander, U.S. Air Forces in Europe

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** — Americans all over the world will pause Jan. 19 to reflect upon and honor the commitment and legacy of Civil Rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The national holiday honors the steadfast efforts of this great American who relentlessly fought for the dream of human dignity and equality — regardless of a person’s race, gender, faith or skin color.

Although Dr. King’s dream of a vibrant multiracial nation united in peace and reconciliation was targeted for our country, he inspired nonviolent liberation movements around the world. On this holiday, we commemorate a man of action — a man who brought his courage. Dr. King put his life on the line for freedom and justice every day and ultimately paid the highest price to make democracy a reality for all.



The catapult for his dream was community service. His personally held belief that “everybody can be great, because everybody can serve,” still holds true, especially today. This year’s theme is “Remember! Celebrate! Act! A Day On ... Not A Day Off.” I encourage you to use the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday as an opportunity to make a difference in your community. Be it interacting with your host-nation neighbors or mentoring the child of a fellow airman who’s deployed down range, make it your personal commitment to serve humanity with the great strength that empowered Dr. King’s victories.

As members of an Air Force that recognizes the strength of its diversity, we also share a common bond — as people we are all equal. Dr. King’s life exemplified our core value of “service before self,” and recalling his work through community involvement lays firmly another stone on the path toward his dream.

## *Airmen accomplish job with courage, commitment*

**By Tech. Sgt. Mona Ferrell**  
USAFE News Service

**RAMSTEIN AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** — People, aircraft and a commitment to core values have kept U.S. Air Forces in Europe’s top leader in the Air Force more than 31 years, and these same attributes will continue to be the bedrock of the military’s success, Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong, USAFE commander, said recently.

The integrity, commitment to excellence and service before self of America’s airmen have been inspirational, he said.

“I came in the Air Force 31 years ago, and had every intention of getting out after four years,” said the general, who holds a doctorate in chemical engineering. “I thought it would be pretty exciting to be in the chemical engineering business. But I fell in love with 480 knots and wearing G-suits, and I just never got over it.

“I also enjoy talking with our airmen, and I’ve found that they’re incredible,” said the general, who is a firm believer in keeping grounded and remembering where he came from. “They do an unbelievable job for us, and they hardly ask for anything. So I love people who put service before self. As a result of that, I’ve stuck around this great institution of ours for a long time now and I’ve had a great time doing it.”

His love for America’s airmen became even more prevalent after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

“I was in the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001, and like everyone else, my life changed forever ... this was, in a sense, my generation’s Pearl Harbor,” the general said. “I couldn’t be more proud of how the U.S. Air Force responded over the last couple of years. When the President issued his call for arms, without any doubts, our Air Force stepped forward with great strength. I’m incredibly proud of the initiatives and dedication (of our Air Force).”

This dedication to excellence is also shared within USAFE, said General Foglesong.

“Our goal in USAFE is to be a part of this incredible team that we call the United States Air Force,” he said. “We have contributed over here in the same way that every other major command has — we’ve provided tanker support, tactical airlift support and we’ve provided fighter support — our people have responded all across the world this past year. We’re ready, trained and we’re motivated to go do the job our president has asked us to do. My perspective up to this point is one of great pride as to how everyone has responded, and continues to on a day-to-day basis.”

When looking ahead to the New Year, it’s important that USAFE’s airmen remember the command’s vision, mission and goals, the general said.

“I think if you’ll look at our vision, it probably says it all,” General Foglesong said. “We want to be leading the world’s most respected expeditionary all-purpose Air Force. That’s a mouthful, but all we want to

do is be in front of what the Chief of Staff and Secretary of the Air Force ask. When they ask us to respond in some way, we would like to be on the leading-edge for them. That’s our vision.

“Our mission is pretty simple,” the general continued. I’ve eliminated all of the acronyms, so that everybody in USAFE — Airman Foglesong up to General Foglesong and everybody in between — understands what our mission is. We all need to know that our mission is to be ready to fight; postured to respond; and provide incredible services to these incredible people we have over here.

“We have now developed what I affectionately refer to as Combat and Special Interest Programs that will allow us to operationalize that mission,” he said. “There are 12 special programs and initiatives that we’ve put together to work on the morale of our people, readiness for our people and services for our people — they are all initiatives that commanders would like to have available. They’re the right things to do, and it allows us to put some discipline and focus as to how we’re going to dedicate our resources over the next year.”

Once such program is Combat Fitness, which fits right in line with the Chief of Staff of the Air Force’s Fit to Fight Program.

“This program ties all of the different initiatives for fitness under one umbrella, so it can be engineered and advocated in the right way,” said the general.

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# Combat Proud battles base decay

**By Tech. Sgt. Melissa Phillips**  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

Base leaders throughout U.S. Air Forces in Europe are on a mission to eradicate an unusual enemy: base decay.

“Over a decade of contingency operations at Incirlik and the daily demands they placed on the base have taken a toll on our facilities and infrastructure. COMUSAFE’s (the commander of U.S. Air Forces in Europe Gen. Robert H. “Doc” Foglesong) Combat Proud initiative is a way for us to leave Incirlik a better place than how we found it,” said Col. Michael Arnold, 39th Air Base Group deputy commander.

As a result, base leaders are requesting airmen and base organizations volunteer to take on Combat Proud cleanup and improvement projects.

Officials here identified more than 200 areas around base that require good old-fashioned elbow grease to come up to standards, according to Colonel Arnold.

To view the list, go to the Source and click on “Combat Proud Open Issues.”

Combat Proud is a USAFE program that encourages people to seek out opportunities to improve base appearance. The program is designed to foster unit pride and productivity, and strengthen airmen’s commitment to a professional military way of life, according to Colonel Arnold.

“We understand our personal vehicles and homes are not built to last an eternity without giving them a face lift every now and then, but



Photo by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards

**Airman 1st Class Michael McLane, 39th Communications Squadron systems controller, moves a fence Wednesday during a Combat Proud work detail.**

we tend to overlook that fact when it comes to military facilities.”

Some improvements are as simple as picking up trash, painting and lining up bollards (the metal force protection posts installed outside many buildings), and painting facilities to prevent rust.

Other Combat Proud opportunities are more involved, such as cleaning up broken picnic tables, getting rid of unnecessary equipment

and materials, and improving the visual appearance of facilities.

“I’ve heard several people complain, ‘We have contractors to clean the base, so why do military members have to also do it?’” said Chief Master Sgt. Joseph Toohey, 39th Air Base Group command chief master sergeant. “I think this mind-set is so ingrained that people forget we belong to the greatest military in the world, and how we preserve the base and our equipment is an indicator of our level of discipline and respect to our military obligations.”

Base contractors perform recurring tasks such as cutting grass and taking out trash.

“Contractors are an important aspect of base maintenance, but they can’t do everything or be everywhere at once,” Chief Toohey said.

Consequently, base leaders urge base organizations to realize it’s up to them to go above and beyond to demonstrate base pride.

“Combat Proud is a morale program as well as a resource conservation program. If we feel good about where we live and work, that pride will shine through in our performance as well,” Colonel Arnold said.

For more information or to volunteer to coordinate a Combat Proud incentive, contact Capt. Michael Miller, program coordinator, at 6-8053.

**Base clean-up day is Jan 22. Units are responsible for clearing litter 50 feet around facilities, and thoroughly cleaning their respective office areas. For more information, people should contact their building facility manager.**

# Base implements gas coupon policy

**By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles**  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

A new policy letter went into effect Friday to help address an ongoing problem with gas coupon black marketers and regulate coupon sales.

The policy implements a rationing system limiting people to 100 liters of gas coupons and 400 liters of diesel coupons per month. Diesel fuel has a higher limit because it’s only available off base.

Although there’s a limit, people can exceed it with their commander’s approval, said Lt. Col. Christopher Lozo, 39th Air Base Group staff judge advocate.

“This makes good sense since people need their commander’s approval to travel outside the area anyway,” he said. “Linking the purchase of coupons to approval strengthens travel policies and ensures the purchase of a large number of coupons is tied to a specific trip or travel plans.”

Gas coupons are authorized for people who own or rent a vehicle, and buyers must present a current registration or rental car contract at the time of purchase.

The sale or transfer of gas coupons to unauthorized people is illegal

and a violation of U.S. and Turkish law, as well as a violation of international agreements between the two countries.

“Unfortunately, there are people on base who don’t own or rent a vehicle, yet are buying thousands of dollars in gas coupons,” Colonel Lozo said. “Although the majority of base people are honest, it only takes a few to give us a black eye. We are sensitive to our obligations under international agreements and don’t want any of our folks abusing their privileges in country.”

The consequences for black marketing activity are severe.

“People caught transferring coupons to unauthorized parties can be prosecuted,” Colonel Lozo said. “Military members can be prosecuted under the UCMJ (Uniform Code of Military Justice) or by the Turkish government. Civilians, including dependents, can also be prosecuted by the Turkish government.”

Additionally, violators may lose their ration cards and be denied access to the base exchange and commissary.

“It’s a serious offense that carries serious penalties,” Colonel Lozo said. “Hopefully, the policy will reinforce that fact.”

For more information about the fuel coupon policy, people can visit the Source and review policy number 30 or call the legal office at 6-6800.

# Review

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Another program called Combat Flightline is dedicated to enhancing the readiness of not only the most important aspect of our flightline — our people — but also our equipment, General Foglesong said.

"I could go on and tell you about all of the programs, but you get a sense of what I'm talking about. In order to operationalize that mission I referred to earlier — being ready to fight; postured to respond; and providing great services — we've now identified these programs as the most logical way to get there," he said. "I would expect us to continue down the path of working to en-

hance these programs. And I'm very sure if we're called on, we'll be ready to do whatever the President asks us to do."

As for the future ...

"One of these days I'll be sitting in a rocking chair on a porch at our ranch in Red Lodge, Montana, and I'll still be telling people that we're the world's most inspirational Air Force to our friends, and we're the world's most intimidating Air Force to our enemies," General Foglesong said. "We have people with incredible courage. We have people who lay their lives on the line for this great nation of ours every day."



## LAW AND ORDER

### December Article 15s

— A staff sergeant violated Articles 128 and 134 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice by assaulting a Turkish national and being drunk and disorderly off base. The sergeant's punishment included suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$350 pay per month for two months and a reprimand.

— A senior airman violated Articles 128 and 134 of the UCMJ by assaulting another servicemember and writing bad checks. The airman shoved the individual and hit him on the head during a domestic disturbance. Additionally, the airman wrote more than \$3,000 of worthless checks at the consolidated club complex. The airman's punishment included reduction to the grade of airman first class, restriction to base for 15 days and a reprimand.

— A senior airman violated Article 92 of the UCMJ for failure to make appropriate dependent family care arrangements. The airman received a reduction in grade.

— An airman first class violated Articles 108 and 134 of the UCMJ by damaging government property and being drunk and disorderly. While intoxicated, the airman broke the glass surrounding a fire extinguisher cabinet and exhausted the fire extinguisher's contents around Building 885, causing about \$500 in damage. The airman's punishment included reduction to the grade of airman, suspended forfeitures of \$150 for two months, restriction to the base for 15 days and a reprimand.

— A senior airman violated Article 92 of the UCMJ for disobeying a direct order during an ongoing investigation. During the interview, the airman disobeyed an order not to discuss the interview or the investigation with anyone. The airman's punishment included a suspended reduction in grade, restriction to base for 30 days, 30 days extra duty and a reprimand.

For more information about the military justice system, call the 39th Air Base Group Legal Office military justice section at 6-6627.



## IN BRIEF

### Anthrax program resumes

The Department of Defense has ordered the resumption of the mandatory anthrax vaccination program. People who are overdue for their shot are required to stop by immunizations. People will receive their next scheduled vaccination in the six-shot series. People shouldn't skip a vaccination or restart the series. For more information, call the immunizations clinic at 6-8254.

### Split disbursement

Split disbursement is now mandatory for civilians. Supervisors and approving officials are responsible for ensuring servicemembers and civilians use split disbursement. For more information, call 6-6306.

### NCO retraining program

The voluntary phase of the fiscal 2004 NCO retraining program runs through Feb. 23. The program pulls NCOs from overage career fields to those with shortages. If needed, an involuntary phase will go from March 8 to April 26. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Gloria Milner, military personnel flight NCO in charge of personnel employments, at 6-3113.

### 39th MSS closures

The 39th Mission Support Squadron Military Personnel Flight, Family Support Center, Education Office, Civilian Personnel and Airman Leadership School closes Jan. 22 at 3 p.m. for a commander's call.

### AFN-I Web site

The American Forces Network Incirlik Web site is up and running. People can log on to get TV channel and radio guides, along with other AFN-I information. For more information, call 6-6491. For the latest TV and radio schedules, visit <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>.

### Off-limits area

The combat arms firing range and its surrounding area, including the 40 mm grenade range, is off limits unless authorized. This area is located east on A Street adjacent to the skeet range. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Brian Pederson, combat arms NCO in charge, or Staff Sgt. Arash Pousti, combat arms instructor, at 6-6472 or 6-6332.



**Base Pride... Mission Pride**

Combat Proud focuses on improving the appearance of U.S. Air Forces in Europe bases to foster pride and productivity. People can take part by keeping their office and building grounds clean and well maintained.





**39th Services Squadron food service workers prepare boxed lunches for incoming soldiers.**



**U.S. soldiers from the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., wait for their flight home.**



**U.S. soldiers call home at the morale center in the temporary terminal.**



**Tony Hudgens, 39th Services Squadron food service supervisor, hands a boxed lunch to Army Spc. Ron Weekes, a Chinook helicopter mechanic from the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.**

## Homeward bound

### Base serves as layover point

**By Staff Sgt. Elaine Aviles**  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

Incirlik has a new role serving as a temporary "terminal" for U.S. soldiers who are traveling home after serving about a year in Iraq.

The more than 300 soldiers who arrived here Jan. 6 are the first of what will be thousands transiting through Incirlik during the massive Army troop changeover.

"We're providing a place for the soldiers to relax while they wait to transfer aircraft," said Capt. Andrew Hunt, 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron installation deployment officer.

"The infrastructure is in place and we're well equipped for a venture of this size.

"Incirlik has and continues to play an essential role in the Global War on Terrorism."

Each group of soldiers will spend a few hours on average at Incirlik before heading home on commercial aircraft; however, the base is ready for unforeseen circumstances.

"If they need to stay overnight, we're prepared," said Lt. Col. Jeffery Linskens, 39th Services Squadron commander. "We have contingency lodging that can handle close to 2,000 people, and we've beefed up the dining facility so it can accommodate the extra customers without inconveniencing permanent party members too much."

To prepare for the influx, the base converted

an empty hangar into a temporary terminal, a little more than a week. The base also has a doner (Turkish shaved lamb) food stand, a flight kitchen serving meals, a gift shop, a mini library, a morale center with photos and a computer center.

"Every base agency has a role in this operation, from communication to aircraft maintenance," Capt. Hunt said. "As we got word, every agency was challenging. We coordinated receptions during Operation Enduring Freedom passenger transload of force."

The 39th Civil Engineering Squadron led off the effort by wiring the terminal with computers and a kitchen. They also set up latrines and fencing.

Once the infrastructure was in place, the 39th Services Squadron moved in. They set up a dining facility and a lounge area, and more than a thousand magazines.

They also created a temporary terminal with 11 computers with Internet access, 11 phones and two big screens. Additionally, troops rounded up old VHS tapes and DVDs left from previous operations and Watch and others donated them to their personal stations.

"We've got tons of magazines and movies,"





Photos by Airman 1st Class Dallas Edwards

ell, Ky., relax Jan. 6 while waiting for their flight home.

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but the soldiers keep requesting 'American Wedding' so we're going to show that more than a few times," said 2nd Lt. Joy Tredway, 39th SVS combat support flight commander. "As long as they're happy, then we're satisfied."

Army and Air Force Exchange Service workers also worked around the clock, turning a small trailer into a full-service shoppette, complete with snacks, magazines, CDs, travel items, and even stuffed animals and gifts for soldiers' families.

"Setting up temporary shoppettes is a major part of the AAFES mission," said Gloria Chaverst, AAFES shoppette and BookMark manager. "We're hoping to offer the soldiers a little bit of warmth on their way home."

"On a personal note, I know we're all very thankful for the soldiers," she continued. "We have freedom because of their sacrifices."

In turn, many of the soldiers expressed their gratitude for the warm reception.

"We're just happy to be out of Iraq," said Army Capt. Jennifer Newsome, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky. "This is like the Taj Mahal compared to some of the places we've stayed. We're very appreciative."

"This was totally unexpected," added Army Spc. Bill Batten, 101st AD. "I thought I'd be sitting for hours twiddling my thumbs. It's almost like being home. Thanks for the warm reception."



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson

**Army Lt. Sean Lyons and Cpl. Alton Hood catch up on current events while waiting for their flight. Both are from the 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.**



**Army Pfc. Ryan Deckard, a paralegal from the 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Ky., logs onto the Internet.**

# LRS dominates contracting, 50-39

By Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda  
39th Air Base Group Public Affairs

The 39th Logistics Readiness Squadron team walked off the court with a 50-39 victory over the 39th Contracting Squadron team Monday during intramural basketball action at the fitness center.

Clifton Williams, LRS guard and forward, led scoring for his team with 12 points. LRS guard and forward Jason Knox added 11 points and LRS forward and guard Lane Woods finished with 7.

"We went into the game confident because of the talent we have at every position," said Kim Conyers, LRS coach. "With an iron clad defense and an offensive edge, it was a challenge keeping the team focused on the mental part of the game. When I say mental, I mean focusing on the outcome of winning and not doing careless things that our opponents to compete with us."

LRS took control at the beginning of the game with a 14 to 4 run. Ruben Gonzales, CONS starting small forward, stopped the run. Gonzales and CONS starting center Demond Kyser dominated the scoring at the close of the

first half to close the gap 16-28.

"Going into the game we were extremely positive that a win was possible against a deep and physical team," said Ken Winfield, CONS coach. "Our biggest advantage is our strong team defense and having the most athletic player in the league, Demond Kyser."

CONS tried to close the scoring gap with a 15-2 run in the second half of the game. But, after a technical foul led to the ejection of Corey Engram, CONS starting point guard and highest scorer with 13 points, CONS ended the game in defeat. Kyser and Gonzales were hot on Engrams heels in scoring, ending the game with 12 points each.

"Knowing each other's strengths and weaknesses on the offensive floor is what our team needs to work on most," said Winfield. "When our 6'5" center, Matthew Graham, returns and teams up with our starting point guard, Corey Engram, our team will be a force to be reckoned with in the second half and post season."

*Men's intramural basketball games are played Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Ladies' league games are Fridays and over 30 games are Tuesdays, both play at 6, 7 and 8 p.m. For more information, call the fitness center at 6-6086.*



Photo by Airman 1st Class Joseph Thompson  
**39th Logistics Readiness Squadron point guard Corey Engram drives to the basket during intramural basketball games at the fitness center Monday.**



**Mandatory PT evaluation** — There will be a mandatory physical fitness test Jan. 23 for all U.S. military people. People on leave, TDY, on a profile, or required for minimal manning are excused. The PT evaluation includes a 1.5-mile run, crunches, push-ups and waist measurements. Unit Fitness Program Monitors will distribute pre-test screening forms to people who are required to test in January. Once UFPMS receive completed forms, people will be notified to accomplish a medical screening prior to the Jan. 23 evaluation. This evaluation is recorded for people who are enrolled in the weight management program, self-directed fitness improvement program or monitored fitness improvement program, overdue for cycle ergometry or with a January birthday. For more information, call your Unit Fitness Program Monitor.

**5K run or walk** — The fitness center sponsors a 5K run or walk Saturday at 8 a.m. at Arkadas Park. For more information, call 6-6086.

**Bowling tourney** — The Magic Carpet Bowling Center sponsors a Martin Luther King Jr. couples tournament Saturday at 6 p.m.

Couples can win dinner for two at the consolidated club complex. For more information, call 6-6789.

**Bowling leagues** — The Magic Carpet Bowling Center sponsors Intramural League bowling Mondays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, call 6-6789.

**Trotter's & strider's club** — Keep a fitness center record of the miles walked or ran and qualify to win the following prizes: 500 miles — T-shirt and 1,000 miles — windbreaker. Participants have a year to complete the program. For more information, call 6-6086

**Taekwondo** — The fitness center offers Taekwondo classes Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. and Saturdays at 2 p.m. Taekwondo is a traditional Korean Art emphasizing self-defense attack. For more information, call at 6-6086.

**Skeet and trap shooting** — Outdoor recreation offers skeet and trap shooting Tuesdays through Fridays by appointment. Open shooting begins Saturdays at 9 a.m. Cost is \$10 and includes shells and clays. For more information, call 6-6044.

**Push ups & sit ups** — People get rewards for matching their sit-ups with their push-ups (for example 25 push-ups and 25 sit-ups). There are six categories to qualify to win a T-shirt: 25, 30, 35, 45, 55 and 75. For each amount accomplished in this program participants earn a T-shirt. For more information, call 6-6086.

**Fitness center orientations** — The fitness center offers orientations to help people maximize their use. For more information, call 6-6086.

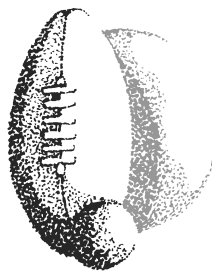


ACTION  
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Col. Bill MacLure, 39th Air Base Group commander

## Sports competitions

**Concern:** I had a question concerning the differences in sports competitions at the U.S. Air Forces in Europe level. I heard that certain sports are considered “core sports” and others are not. I would like to think that every sport is equal, no matter what the sport is. The reason why I am asking is because myself and 11 other Incirlik people competed in the USAFE Bowling Championship (which we all did very well at and even won the USAFE Team Championship portion) and everything was paid for out of our own pocket. I heard that another sport went to the USAFE-level and lodging was paid for them because they were competing in a core sport. Is this really fair to the other people who want to represent Incirlik and have to do so at their own expense?



**Response:** First of all, let me congratulate the Incirlik Bowling Team for bringing home the championship trophy ... well done! It

seems you have two questions: one about the definition of a core sport and another about how U.S. Air Forces in Europe sports championships are funded. Let me answer them separately.

You are correct that some sports are considered “core sports” and others are not. AFMAN 34-137, para 2.2 defines core sports as those that “contribute to cardiovascular fitness, strength conditioning and flexibility, i.e. “total fitness,” and AFI 34-266, para 4.1 lists core sports as soccer, softball, flag football, volleyball and basketball. This doesn’t mean the Air Force doesn’t support other sports, but it does give priority to core sports, which brings me to your next question.

Participation in USAFE sports competitions may be funded by USAFE or the sending installation. There is no requirement to provide funding for any particular varsity sports championship, and it is impossible to fund participation in all championships, so priority is given to the core sports. In your case, neither USAFE nor the base services squadron could fund the cost of per diem and lodging for this championship. However, they did arrange free travel on military air, which saved your team the cost of transportation, and the fitness center also paid your team’s \$408 entry fee.

I applaud you and the rest of the bowling teams for representing Incirlik so well at the recent USAFE championship. I also encourage you to remain involved in the base sports program by providing feedback through your unit sports rep and/or attending sports council meetings. Thanks for allowing me to clarify the policy.

*To submit an action line, e-mail [action.line@incilik.af.mil](mailto:action.line@incilik.af.mil) or call the 39th Air Base Group Public Affairs Office at 6-6060.*

ASK  
MEHMET

Mehmet Birbiri, Host Nation Adviser

## Hajj

**Question:** I’ve heard that Hajj is very important to Moslems. What is it, and why is it important?

**Response:** About 3 million Moslems flock from all over the world to Mecca to perform the pilgrimage called Hajj, which is the fifth pillar of Islam.

Hajj is obligatory at least once in a lifetime for every Moslem, male or female, who is of responsible age, in fairly good health and is financially capable and secure.

For a woman, it’s stipulated that she must

be accompanied by a “muhram” who may be her husband or those who are forbidden to marry her by religious injunction.

In fulfilling this service, Moslems express their devotion to Allah, not only by performing rites which need physical effort, but by expressing their deep spiritual devotions to Allah and spending their money for Allah’s sake.

The pilgrimage is an annual event and attended by Moslems from all over the world. They meet in one place, Mecca, and dress in similar outfits. There is no discrimination or preference between them; all are Allah’s creations.

In this way, Moslems are acquainted with one another, cooperate with one another and reflect on the day when they will be resurrected and gathered before Allah to account for their deeds.

Thus, they prepare themselves for the hereafter and do their best to obey Allah. The principle rites of the pilgrimage are:

**Ihram:** Enter the Holy Land in a state of Ihram, which is the removal of ordinary clothes and wearing one kind of apparel. Clothing consists of two seamless sheets,

keeping the head uncovered, except in the case of women who must cover their heads. Ihram symbolizes that all men and women stand upon one plane, equally.

Distinctions of rank, color, wealth and nationality disappear. The rich are indistinguishable from the poor.

**Tawaf:** Make seven complete circles around the Kaaba, the holy shrine in Mecca believed to be the first religious building in history and built by Prophet Abraham.

**Sa’ay:** Cross seven times the distance between two small hills neighboring Kaaba, known as Al-safa and Al-Marwa.

Staying in the plain of Mount Arafat, pilgrims must perform noon and afternoon prayers during the ninth day of the month of pilgrimage.

Every Moslem must complete the four principle rites to make his or her Hajj complete.

*Do you have a question about something Turkish? Ask Mehmet. To submit a question, call 6-6060 or e-mail [mehmet.birbiri@incilik.af.mil](mailto:mehmet.birbiri@incilik.af.mil).*

## THE INCIRLIK GUIDE



## Today

**Hip hop dance contest** — Teens are invited to compete for best solo dancer and dance group during a hip hop dance contest at 7:30 p.m. at Time Out. Teens may bring their own CDs, but the music must adhere to youth center guidelines. For more information, call 6-6670.

**Steak and lobster night** — The club offers a steak and lobster dinner and a social from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$21.95. For more information, call 6-6101.

**Scrapbooking Madness** — The skills development center offers a scrapbooking madness class from 6 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$5. Materials aren't included. For more information, call 6-3858.

## Saturday

**Framing classes** — The skills development center offers framing classes today, Jan. 31 and Feb. 14 and 28 at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$25 plus materials. A certificate is provided upon completion. For more information, call 6-3858.

## Sunday

**Finances Sunday school class** — The chapel sponsors a biblical-perspective financial management Sunday school class through Jan. 25 at 9:45 a.m. For more information, call Maj. Joe McFadden, course facilitator, at 6-6031.

## Monday

**Martin Luther King Jr. exhibit** — People can learn about Martin Luther King Jr. at an exhibit from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the community center. The exhibit is free. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call 6-6966.

**Criminal justice course** — People can register for Central

Texas College's "Crime in America" course, which runs today through March 12. Registration ends today. For more information, call 6-3211.

## Tuesday

**Book club** — The library book club meets at 7 p.m. to discuss "Their Eyes were Watching God," by Zora Neale Hurston. For more information, call 6-6759.

## Wednesday

**Bingo** — Bingo games are in the club at 6:30 p.m. Games will also be played Jan. 28. The jackpot is \$500 for 50 numbers. For more information, call 6-6759.

**Valentine's Day reservations** — Reservations for Valentine's Day dinner at the club are accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Dinner is Feb. 14 at 6 p.m. Cost is \$29.95 per couple or \$14.95 per person. Cost includes wine and champagne bar, and roses for women. For more information, call 6-6101.

## Upcoming

**Immigration Day** — U.S. citizens with foreign born family can turn-in I-130 forms and payment to consulate staff Jan. 26. Consulate staff is available by appointment only. For more information or to make an appointment, call the family support center at 6-6755.

**Super Bowl party** — The club sponsors a Super Bowl party Feb. 1 at 9 p.m. in the ballroom. Kick off is 1:17 a.m. Cost is \$5 for club members and \$7 for non members. Price includes snacks, breakfast buffet and a commemorative coin. For more information, call 6-6101.

**Scrapbooking beginners** — The skills development center offers a beginners scrapbooking class Feb. 5 and 19 from 6 to 10 p.m. Cost is \$10 with instruction or \$5 without instruction. For more information, call 6-3858.

**Skills center classes** — The skills development center offers a Valentine decorations class Feb. 5 and 10 from 8 p.m., grapevine

Valentine's wreath class Feb. 5 and 12 from 5 to 8 p.m., a ceramic tea cup class Feb. 18 from 6 to 8 and a St. Patrick's Day decorations class Feb. 25 from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call 6-3858.

**Ceramic Madness potluck** — The skills development center offers a ceramic madness class and potluck Feb. 13 from 6 p.m. to midnight. Cost is \$5. For more information, call 6-3858.

**CWOC** — The Catholic Women of the Chapel meet Jan. 26 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the chapel conference room. For more information, call 6-6441.

**PWOC** — A Protestant Women of the Chapel fellowship dinner is Jan. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Crossroads Cafe. For more information, call 6-6441.

## Food safety alert

General Mills issued a mandatory product recall notification on Betty Crocker Triple Chunk Supreme Brownie, 21.2-ounce packages with a Universal Product Code of 0600046790/001600046790 and marked with better if used by dates of Oct. 29, 30 and 31.

The product may contain pecans not listed on the ingredient list, which could be hazardous to consumers with nut allergies.

Customers who purchased products matching the above codes may return the boxes to the commissary for a full refund.

For more information, call the commissary at 6-6855.



## Today

**Project CHEER movie marathon** — The community center hosts all-night movies from noon today through noon Saturday. For more information, call 6-6966.

## Tuesday

**Project CHEER bingo night** — The consolidated club complex offers a Project CHEER bingo night from 6 to 9 p.m. For more information, call 6-6966.

## Wednesday

**Framing classes** — The skills development center offers a Project CHEER framing class from 5 to 8 p.m. Instruction fees are waived and the cost for materials varies. For more information, call at 6-3858.

## Thursday

**Table tennis tourney** — The community center offers a Project CHEER tourney from 6 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$2. Winner takes the cash.

For more information, call 6-6966.

## Upcoming

**Customer College** — Incirlik's Customer College classes are Jan. 26 through 30, Feb. 9 through 12 and Feb. 17 through 20. Classes are mandatory for people in customer service positions. For more information, call Rebecca Allen, 39th Services Squadron training specialist, at 6-8289.

**Project CHEER chess tourney** — The community center offers a Project CHEER chess tournament Jan. 29 from 4 to 6 p.m. Cost is \$2. Winner takes the cash. For more information, call 6-6966.

**Project CHEER wood stools** — The skills development center sponsors a country Valentine wood stool project Feb. 7 from noon to 5 p.m. The instructional fee is waived and materials are \$20. For more information, call 6-3858.



# WARRIOR OF THE WEEK



**Tech. Sgt. Carolyn Magsby**, 39th Air Base Group inspector general superintendent

**Time in service:** 14 years

**Time on station:** Two years, 11 months

**Hometown:** Friars Point, Miss.

**Hobbies:** Reading, relaxing and shopping

**What do you like most about Incirlik?** "The people that I've met in the military and in the local community have made Incirlik one of my best assignments. Positive attitudes — a catalyst ... a spark that created extraordinary results."

**What's your favorite motto and why?** "Challenges are what makes life interesting; overcoming them is what makes life meaningful." This motto has made a difference in my life

over the past 10 years.

**What Air Force core value best describes you and why?** "Being in mid-level leadership, I would say 'integrity first,' because it says commitment."

**Why did you join a support agency?** "I joined for a change of pace that turned out to be a career!"

**How do you contribute to the 39th Air Base Group's mission?** "I'm part of a helping agency that protects the air base group's natural resources, the individuals who are assigned here. What better way to contribute to the mission?"

**Supervisor's quote:** "Sergeant Magsby runs by another clock and she gets more effective hours out of the day than many people get out of a week," said Lt. Col. William Tandy, 39th ABG inspector general. "Active across the base in volunteer work, contributing to the IG and MEO offices, and still finding ample time for her daughter and to study for WAPS (Weighted Airman Promotion System), she is a self-made person. A top NCO, she sets the standard for the warrior of the week."

# YOUR TURN



To submit a question for "Your Turn," call 6-6060 or e-mail [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil).

**What do you feel Martin Luther King Jr. contributed to the world?"**

"Freedom for everyone and caring for each other no matter what color."

— **Staff Sgt. Joyce Shephard**, 39th mission Support Squadron



"He gave hope and a voice to many American citizens, when before him they went unheard."

— **Staff Sgt. Tony Centola**, 125th Field Artillery, Minnesota Air National Guard



"Tolerance of ethnic groups."

— **Fran Feigenbaum**, Army and Air Force Exchange Service



"He was an ambassador of peace and equal rights."

— **Master Sgt. Michael Gaines**, 1st Communication Maintenance Squadron, Ramstein Air Base, Germany



"Even though there is still prejudice in the world, he made it better in the states. Now it's pretty much equal in the workplace and throughout, because he stood up for and died for what he believed in."

— **Laura Kehoe, Vinnell, Brown and Root**



## CLASSIFIEDS

**For sale:** Four piece living room set, includes one full-size couch, one loveseat and two chairs, blue in color with chrome trim, almost new and in excellent condition, \$900 OBO; one glass-top coffee table, excellent condition, \$60. Call 6-2242.

**For sale:** 1995 Ford Escort LX, two-door hatchback, 64K miles, automatic transmission, new tires and battery, \$3,000 OBO. Call Tech. Sgt. Sharon Koenigstein at 6-6956 (day) or 6-2074 (night).

**For sale:** Queen-sized sofa sleeper and loveseat, newly re-upholstered with golden fabric, lots of pillows, sofa sleeper has Serta mattress, rectangular coffee table and two end tables, wrought iron and wood. Great designer ensemble, \$600 takes all. Call Bob at 6-5380 or 6-6856 (work).

**For sale:** Cherry-stained dining room set, includes large rectangle double pedestal table with built-in leaf, eight chairs, buffet (three drawers, two cabinets), a lighted hutch, very good condition, less than a year old, \$1,000 OBO for entire set. May be willing to sell separately. Call Bill or Meredith at 6-2217.

**For sale:** Large 8-foot by 5-foot handmade wool rug, fall colors patterned with thick stripes, very heavy, used for less than a year, Indian, not purchased in Turkey, \$90; unique stars standing lamp, two large hollow metal stars with 18 points, bulbs go inside the stars, 69-inches tall, needs

35-inch wide space, newly rewired, \$50. Small pine bedside table, one drawer with space underneath, solid pine fronts and pressed board back, 17-inches wide and 22-inches tall, \$10; six-drawer dresser, \$15; will take \$20 for both. Computer desk, hutch style, minor dings, 41-inches long, 60-inches tall, \$20. Call Kelly or Dan at 6-5790 or 6-6156.

*Ads are free and run for two weeks. Fax ads to 6-6492 or e-mail them to [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil). Ads must be submitted one week prior to publication. To advertise yard sales, people must first contact the 39th Services Squadron Nonappropriated Funds Office.*



*The solution for the crossword puzzle published in the Jan. 9 issue of the Tip of the Sword. The Tip of the Sword now features crossword puzzles in the first edition of each month, with solutions printed the following week. For more information, e-mail the Tip of the Sword staff at [tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil](mailto:tip.sword@incirlik.af.mil).*

## Rev'in up



Photo by Senior Airman Michelle Miranda

**Veli Sevdan, 39th Services Squadron auto skills center head mechanic, installs a headlight. The auto skills center staff provides a variety of automotive needs and opens Tuesdays through Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. They also offer key duplication and tow truck services. Monday, as part of the auto skills center Martin Luther King Jr. January special, customers who purchase a battery receive free installation and 20 percent off the price of the battery. Special excludes special order batteries. For more information, call 6-6655.**



## AT THE MOVIES

### Today

#### At the Oasis

**The Matrix Revolutions (R)** — The rebels long quest for freedom culminates in a final explosive battle. As the Machine Army wages devastation on Zion, its citizens mount an aggressive defense — but can they stave off the relentless swarm of Sentinels long enough for Neo to harness the full extent of his powers and end the war? Starring Keanu Reeves and Carrie Ann Moss. Showing at 7 p.m. (111 minutes)



### Saturday

**Elf (PG)** — Buddy, a human raised in the North Pole to be an elf, wreaks havoc in the elf community due to his size. Buddy heads to New York City to find his place in

the world and track down his father. But life in the big city is not all sugarplums and candy canes. It's up to Buddy and his simple elf ways to win over his family, realize his destiny, and, ultimately, save Christmas for New York and the world. Starring James Caan and Will Ferrell. Showing at 5 p.m. (93 minutes)



**Lost in Translation (R)** — Bob may be a big American star, but in Tokyo, his fame's only as good as the whiskey he sells. While in Japan, he finds a kindred spirit in Charlotte, the equally lonely wife of a successful fashion photographer. Together they strike up an unusual friendship, one that provides a welcome escape from their boredom and loneliness. Starring Bill Murray and Scarlett Johansson. Showing at 7 p.m. (102 minutes)



### Sunday

#### Brother Bear (G)

— Kenia, a young Native American's older brother, is killed by a bear. During the young man's attempt to avenge his death by killing the bear, the



## Holiday hours

### Martin Luther King Jr. hours

#### Monday

Dining facility	Normal
Commissary	Closed (normal)
Fitness center	8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Base exchange	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Library	Closed
Community center	10 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Club dining room	Closed (normal)
Grandstand	Closed (normal)
Club cashier's cage	Closed (normal)
Skills development	Closed
Outdoor recreation	Closed (normal)
Bowling center	11 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Golf complex	6:30 a.m. to dusk
Golf snack bar	7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Auto skills	Closed (normal)
ODC	Closed
Fabric care (pick up)	8:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Vet clinic	Closed
Youth center	Closed
Child development	Closed
Education center	Closed
Family support	Closed
Finance	Closed
Pass & registration	Closed

Great Spirits transform the young man into the thing he detests most, a bear. Starring Joaquin Phoenix and Jeremy Suarez. Showing at 7 p.m. (85 minutes)

### Thursday

**Elf (PG)** — Showing at 7 p.m. (93 minutes)

#### At the M1

**Looney Tunes (PG)** — 11 a.m., 1 p.m., 3 p.m., 5 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. (88 minutes)



**Bon Voyage (PG)** — 11:15 a.m., 2 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., 9:30 p.m. and 11:30 p.m. (114 minutes)

**Cold Creek Manor (R)** — 12:15 a.m., 4:45 p.m. and 9:45 p.m. (118 minutes)

**Once upon a time in Mexico (R)** — 2:45 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (100 minutes)

**Timeline (PG-13)** — Noon, 2:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. (116 minutes)

**The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (PG-13)** — 11:30 a.m., 3:15 p.m. and 7:15 p.m. (201 minutes)



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